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For:	X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS,)	
	X-RAY IMAGING APPARATUS, AND)	
	X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM)	

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In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, (Paper No. 8), and further to and including the unentered amendment filed on March 12, 2003, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.